

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi IKEDA et al.

Serial No. Unassigned

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Confirmation No.

Filed: October 22, 2001

Examiner:

For: ROUTE SEARCHING METHOD, TIMING ANALYZING METHOD, WAVEFORM  
ANALYZING METHOD, ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT SIMULATION APPARATUS, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the pending claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

22. The method according to claim 20, wherein  
said two or more routes satisfying the set condition are synthesized by selecting the  
largest delay difference or the shortest delay difference by type of delay difference generated  
as the delay data in the two or more routes.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed and to delete multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

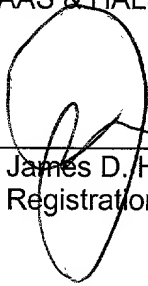
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Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the following claims:

22. The method according to claim 20[ or 21], wherein  
said two or more routes satisfying the set condition are synthesized by selecting the  
largest delay difference or the shortest delay difference by type of delay difference generated  
as the delay data in the two or more routes.